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THE STRIKE NOT ENDED.

THE BURLINGTON STRIKERS' COM-MITTEE ISSUE A CIRCULAR.

Press Comments on the Actions of the Local Brotherhood Leaders-The Reading Company's Circular to Its Employes. Alabama Miners-Labor News.

CRICAGO, May / .- Messrs. Hoge and Murphy, of the Burlington strikers' committee, have issued a circular addressed to all the subdivisions of the Burlington, emphatically denying that the strike had been declared off and explaining that the mistake was doubtless due to the order directing the Burlington & Northern men to return to work. The strikers claim to have numerous volunteer witnesses and say that a heavy shipper of pigiron has offered to give valuable testimony to the interstate commerce commission. Among other witnesses they claim to have are several lumbermen.

The News says: "After admitting that the strike was a failure and was to be declared off, the local Brotherhood leaders became so frightened because their decision leaked out to the reporters that they were obliged to retract their own words. It appears that according to the rules of the Brotherhood a strike can only be begun or ended when the whole grievance committee is in session, and the intention of the leaders was to keep their decision a secret until the committee got here. The premature publication of the result of last Tuesday's caucus spoiled the whole affair, and there were some wrathy committeemen who obeyed the summons to come to Chicago."

The News then declares that many engineers did not know what they were striking for until several days after it was ordered; charges the managers of the strike with extravagance, and says: "The mis-management at last becomes so apparent that the authority of the grievance committee among the men is practically ended. Even if the leaders make a new decision that they will indefinitely continue the strike, it is doubtful if the men throughout the system can be brought to believe that a strike which was practically dead more than a month ago can be galvanised by the mockery of continuance.

The Reading Company's Circular. PHILADELPHIA, May 7.—The following cir-cular has been issued by the Philadelphia & Reading company:

"Notice is hereby given to the employes of this company that they will not be permitted to attempt to use undue or improper influence with our men for the purpose of securing members for labor organizations. After the strike of last winter it was found that many employes who desired to remain independent were compeled to join labor organizations in order to protect themselves from ill treatment and possible loss of situations. We will discharge every man in the employ of this company who is guilty of such action hereafter. Our experience with labor organizations during the past twelve months has not been of such a character as leads us to look with favor upon members of them as against good men who prefer to remain independent.

Switchmen Strike.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 7.-The switchmen of the Southern Pacific road have struck and the freight department is tied up in consequence. The night switchmen work fifteen hours and the day switchmen ten hours for the same pay. The night men de-manded shorter hours. The officials of the road say that new men will be employed unless the strikers return to work at once.

Alabama Miners' Troubles.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 7.—The 500 coal miners and 200 coles drawers at the Prall mines quit work Thursday, rather than accept a reduction of wages. The company employ 600 convicts and 500 free miners. The fermer will, of course, have to remain at work. It is rumored that the miners at the Wheeling, Blue Creek and other mines will also go out.

Railroad Laborers Strike.

DULUTH, Minn., May 7.—It was reported here late Friday night from Tower that the laborers working on the Ely extension of the Duluth & Iron Range road, have struck for higher wages, that the strike has extended to the laborers at the Chandler mine at Ely, and that about one thousand men are idle.

Will Return to Work.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 7 .- The differ ences between the Southern Pacific road and and the striking switchmen, have been amically settled and the men will return to

A Cow's Strange Appetite.

FINDLAY, O., May 7 .- Joseph Tucker, of Marion township, is the owner of a Jersey cow with a very remarkable appetite. The animal eats every cat that comes within her reach. Already this spring she has eaten five cats, and whenever a cat comes within her range of vision the is wild until she catches, ki is and eats it. In all other respects the cow appears to be normal in her tastes and disposition. She is three years old, and has had this peculiarity ever since she was a calf.

The Cotton Crop.

MEMPHIS, May 7.—Four hundred and thirty replies from the Memphis district concerning the cotton crop, show the following: The average is 76 per cent. planted, in increased acreage 5 per cent. One hundred and ninety-four report favorable weather, 256 unfavorable, 290 needing rain. Planting operations were about fifteen days later than last year.

Austin Corbin Sails for Europe. NEW YORK, May 7.-Austin Corbin, the railroad magnate, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Champellion, was a cabin passenger on the French line steamship La Champagne, which left this afternoon for Havre, Mr. Corbin sailed for Europe partly in connection with the affairs of the Reading company, of which he is president.

Sliced Lengthwise and Minutely Divided. DORCHESTER, Wis., May 7.—Joseph Pongor, head sawyer in Vandusen's saw mill here, accidentally fell on the carriage, and the saw sliced him lengthwise from head to feet. Before the carriage could be stopped he was divided into twenty pieces.

SPORTING NEWS.

Paddy Ryan Knocked Out—A Massachu setts Mill—Notes, DULUTA, Minn., May 7.—Paddy Ryan, who once fought Sullivan for the championship of the world, was knocked out Friday night in the third round of a contest for a private purse by John P. Donner, of Duluth. The fight was a slugging match from begin-

ning to end.

Ten Rounds to a Draw. BOSTON, May 7.—At Somerville, Mass., Friday evening Frank Maguire, aged eigh-Friday evening Frank Maguire, aged eighteen years, weighing 119 pounds, of Cambridgeport, and James Coakley, aged twenty-six, weighing 117 pounds, of Cambridge, fought a ten-round draw with two ounce gloves, Queensberry rules, for a purse of \$100. Ed. C. Holske was referee.

Hanlan Defeated.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 7.—A sculling match took place to-day between Peter Kemp, of Australia, and Edward Hanlan, of Canada. The race was won by Kemp by five lengths.

Notes.

Winners at Nashville: Golightly, Tudor, Little Minch, Keeverna and Kermess FRIDAY'S BASE BALL,-Cincinnati 3, Kansas City 4, St. Louis 7, Louisville 5; Chicago

11. Indianapolis 7. The Washington races closed Friday after a most successful meet. Winners Friday were Patrocles, Sam Brown, Sam Harper, Jr., Richmond and Wellington.

Manager Wright, of the Philadelphia base ball club, says he has made no overtures to Boston for Radbourn, but if the latter does not sign with Boston he would like to have

WOMEN OR NO WOMEN!

Proceedings of the Fifth Day of the Methodist Conference

NEW YORK, May 7.- The interest in the Methodist Episcopal general conference increases daily. There was a larger audience present than on any previous day of the con-

Bishop J. F. Hurst presided, and the religious services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Wilson, of South Carolina. A woman seated in the first box on the second tier arose at the conclusion of the signing of the hymn, and said: "Can I have the privilege of saying a few words?" All eyes were turned upon her. She was about forty years of age, fashionably dressed, and evidently suffering from hysteria. Chaplain McCabe led her out of the opera house. She

refused to give her name. Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley claimed the floor He said he only wanted to see himself right in regard to certain remarks he had made in regard to the eligibility of women as delegates. He claimed that as the house had adjourned yesterday without fixing any special order, the rules would have to be suspended before the debate could be continued.

Prominent Cincinnatians in attendance upon the conference are Drs. Pearne, Reed, Pearson, Weakley, Easton, Palmer, Ault-man and Banks, while Dr. Giffin alone represents Covington, Ky.

Memorial of the Haymarket Tragedy. Friday's Arbeiter Zeitung was devoted to a memorial of May 4, 1886, when the Haymarket bomb exploded. It repeats the charge that the police broke up the Haymarket meeting with the intention of massa creing the assembled working people, and that if the bomb was thrown by one of the assembly it was an act of self-defense. Then follow a number of sayings of the "martyrs." On the editorial page there is printed a poem by Dr. Ernst Schmidt, commemorating the executed and imprisoned Anarchists as the martyrs of liberty and progress.

The Blalcok Murderers.

COLUMBUS, Kan., May 7. - John and Bill Blalock were arraigned in court upon the charge of murder in the first degree for the killing of Constable David Gordon on the night of March 16, 1888. They pleaded not guilty. The men offered to plead guilty to a esser offense but the county attorney at first declined to accept a plea of guilty of less than murder in the first degree. Friday afternoon the Blalocks were permitted to withdraw their plea of not guilty and plead guilty to murder in the second degree.

The Wheat Crop.

NEW YORK, May 7.—The Herald devotes half a page to interviews with grain men in the various cities of the west and northwest concerning the wheat crop for the coming season. Summarized the interviews indicate a deficit of from 50,000,000 to 80,000,000 bushels as compared with last year, California loses 50 per cent., while Indiana, Illinos, Michigan and Ohio will show a decrease of nearly one-half.

Another Parachute Crank.

Paris, Ill., May 7.-James W. Fisk, an aeronaut, made a successful descent with a parachute from a baloon from an altitude of nearly a mile. The parachute did not fully open out until Fisk had fallen nearly two hundred feet. Then the descent became very gentle, and a landing was made about a quarter of a mile east of the starting point.

Oglesby and the Anarchists.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 7 .- Friends of Governor Oglesby say that he will never pardon Fieldon, Schwab and Neebe, the imprisoned Chicago Anarchists. They think, however, that he will commute the sentence of Joe Mackin after the November election, when Mackin will have only another year to

Conkling's Will.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Roscoe Conkling's will, dated in 1867, leaves all his property to Mrs. Conkling. Thorough search fails to reveal any later document. The estate is supposed to amount to \$200,000.

An Appointment.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The secretary of charge of criminally assaulting two young state has appointed Frederick A. Bancroft, girls. of New Hampshire, to be librarian of the state department, to succeed Theodore F. Dwight, who has resigned.

Arm Sawed Off.

VERSAILLES, Ky., May 7.-William Vanmeter, while at work in his saw mill at Tyrone, had his right arm almost severed from his body by a circular saw.

A NEBRASKA HOLACAUST.

SEVEN LIVES LOST BY THE BURN-ING OF A BARN.

In Attempting to Rescue Cattle From the Burning Building an Entire Family is Blotted Out of Existence-Cause of the Fire Unknown-Other Fires.

OMARA, Neb., May 7. - Seven persons were burned to death in a barn on a farm near Arlington, Neb. They were Mrs. Freeze, who is a widow; her son-in-law, Fred. Groteluschen, bis wife and three children, and brother, Louis Groteluschen. They all lived on the tarm and had no neighbors nearer than half a mile.

The smoke was seen in Arlington and a party of citizens went out to investigate the affair. Upon arriving at the farm they found the barn totally destroyed, together with twenty-five head of stock. In the ruins of the barn, scattered among the dead horses and cattle, they found the remains of the entire family. No one knows how it happened. Some few entertain suspicion of foul play, but the majority incline to the belief that the barn took fire in some way, perhaps through the act of an incendiary, and that the family rushed to the rescue of the live stock, and while attempting to loosen them were suffocated. No feud existed between the members of the family, and no enemies are known.

The body of Mrs. Groteluschen was crushed under the body of a horse, and was the only one which could be recognized, the others being horribly burned. The dwelling house was found to be in excellent order. The morning's work was well under way, and no disorder was noticeable. Everything goes to show that upon the discovery of the fire in the barn a rush was made to save the lives of the animals and all were caught and smothered.

The three children ranged in age from one to six years. It is singular that these young children should also have been caught in the barn. The youngest one must have been carried there by the mother in her excitement. At the coroner's inquest no evidence was produced to show foul play, and the verdict was accidental fire, the origin of which was unknown. Louis Groteluschen, who was employed as a laborer on the farm, and who also perished, was a great smoker, and, it is thought, the fire caught from sparks from his pipe.

A Freight Train Partly Burned. WAYNE, Md., May 7.—A train of forty cars loaded with perishable freight on a branch of the Pennaylvania railroad was partially burned here last night. Eighteen box cars containing high class freight were destroyed. The accident was caused by a broken axle on an oil tank car. A brakeman was badly burned. The loss can not be estimated.

Blaze at Jersey City.

JERSEY CITY, May 7 .- Five buildings on the east side of Hudson street, between Essex street and the river front, were totally destroyed by fire. The structures were all frame. The total loss is placed at \$40,000. Among the losers are Theodore Smith & Sons, boiler makers: Hyatt & Son, coopers, and Mrs. McLaughlin, liquors.

AN ALABAMA RIOT. An Attempt to Avenge a Recent Lynching. The Militla Called For.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., May 7.-There is trouble in Lowndes county, where the negroes outnumber the whites six to one. It grew out of the murder in March of Mitchell Gresham by Theo. Calloway, a colored man. Calloway claimed the killing was in self-defense, and when about one week later he was lynched at Hayneville, the colored people began threatening and preparing for vengeance. Their demonstrations around Sandy Ridge, where the killing of Gresham occurred, became so open that white citizens applied to the sheriff for protection.

They swore out twenty warrants against as many negroes, and the sheriff, in attempting to execute one on Wednesday last, was resisted, and wounded his man before taking him. He then gathered a posse of fifty armed white men, and Friday arrested about fifteen colored men. On their way to jail they came in conflict with a large body of armed colored men and dispersed them with a few volleys. The sheriff had gone off to the nearest telegraph station and the posse was in charge of Deputies Rice, Merriwether and D. Cook. Both of these were wounded and two colored men are said to have been killed.

About 6 o'clock Governor Seay received a telegram from a large number of citizens of Lowndes county asking for military protection, and saying that armed negroes were gathering in large numbers, threatening Sandy Ridge. The governor answered that he could only order out troops on demand from the sheriff. Soon ofter Sheriff Brinson made a formal demand, and the governor sent down two companies of infantry, the Montgomery Grays and Blues, about sixty strong, and the Mounted Rifles, thirty strong, with horses, all in command of Col. Thomas G. Jones, of the Second regiment,

Sandy Ridge is a country village about six miles from Letobatchie, on the Mobile & Montgomery railroad. Letobatchie is about twenty miles from Montgomery, and just below McGehee's switch, where a riot was suppressed several years ago.

"THEATRICAL AGENT" IN TROUBLE. A Louisiana Doctor Arrested in Washing-

ton for Assaulting Young Girls. WASHINGTON, May 7.-Dr. Gideon E. Blackburn, forty-five years of age, who came here from Shreveport, La., in December last, recently advertised for "twenty-five girls of good form, between fifteen and twenty years of age, to join a theatrical troupe." He was arrested yesterday on a

Soon after the advertisement appeared, Annie Saul and Annie Colback called by revuest on the doctor. By Miss Colback's statement it appears that he took them in turn to a bedroom adjoining the parlor of his house, and on the pretense of discovering if they were sufficient v shaped for stage re-quirements, indelicately fondled them. Vigorous protests induced the doctor to release

the girls, and they immediately left the

The doctor denies indignantly that he assaulted either of the young ladies, but admitted that he had inserted the advertisement and had received and examined the girls at his house. He did not claim to be a theatrical agent, but said he had consented to do this part of the work for a friend who was going to organize a theatrical company. He endeavored in vain to secure Representative Blanchard as his counsel, and was finally released on \$250 collateral.

THE WEEK'S TRADE.

Weekly Review as Reported By R. G. Dun & Company.

NEW YORK, May 7.-R. G. Dun & Company's weekly review of trade says: The state of business is uncertain. There is a slight improvement in some branches, increasing depression in others, but hesitation and waiting on all sides. The net result has been a little advance in prices of securities, with a considerable decline in prices of commodities.

Anxieties about money have been dispelled by treasury purchases of bonds. But the usual payments for the first week of the month have helped, and it is still uncertain whether the secretary will be able much longer to get enough bonds to prevent accumulation of money. The prospects of a reduction of revenue does not increase. At interior towns money is generally in ample supply for the existing demand. Settlements at Chicago were unusually small for May 1. Foreign exchange is a little higher, but merchandise exports also improve. The reports of trade from interior points are not enthusiastic. Inactivity or quiet is the prevailing feature, with more frequent complaints of slow collections. Reports of injury to wheat have become more definite, but the telegraph brings news of extensive rains at Denver, Omaha and Milwaukee, and in California the rain caused a sudden fall of 5 per cent. Pork products, hogs and cotton are a little higher, and oil has risen one and a half cents. Coffee and sugar are unchanged, holders being confident, but wool and hides are a shade weaker, and the collapse of the tin speculation caused a fall from about thirty-seven cents to about twenty cents. Weakening in copper naturally follows, but it is supposed that the syndicate has concentrated its efforts in order to control that market.

Lower freights have been obtained by Lahigh iron producers, but all the benefit goes to consumers. The market for bar iron, even at 1.8 cents, is unsatisfactory; plate, structural and sheet iron are all reported weaker, and steel rails are quoted at \$30.50. The southern supply of iron increases, and anthracite coal is stronger, production having diminished.

The dry goods business is more hopeful; the buying for the fall trade at this season is regarded as encouraging, though the movement is moderate and prices unchanged. The general result of trading for the past

cent, in prices of commodities as a whole, notwithstanding the strength in grain and produce markets. Failures during seven days: United States, 209; Canada, 25; total, 234. Corresponding week last year the figures were 182; 158 in

month has been a decline of nearly 4 per

the United States and 29 in Canada, ROSS COUNTY CITIZENS DISGUSTED.

They Notify an Acquitted Murderer to Leave the Country. WASHINGTON, C. H., O., May 7 .- Although

Joseph Nevin, who was recently acquitted of the murder of John Stout, to the utter disapproval of the citizens of Ross county, has been served written notices to leave the county, yet it is claimed he refuses to go. The following is a copy of the notice served on him to leave the county: "PAINT TP., ROSS Co., OHIO,

April 28, 1888.

"To Joe Nevin, the Murderer of John Stout: "You are hereby notified to leave this community within five days from the above

"By order of the Buckskin valley vigilance committee. "Adopted by the law-abiding citizens of Paint township at the indignation meeting

held at township hall. "WE MEAN BUSINESS." Nevin says he will not leave the county until he gets ready to do so.

Colonel Finlay's Will.

Toledo, O., May 7.-The will of the late William J. Findlay has been admitted to probate. Forty-five hundred shares of brewery stock were divided among his relatives, while he gave the following to charities: Two hundred and fifty shares to the Protestant orphans' home, 250 to the Protestant hospital, 250 to St. Vincent's Catholic orphanage, and 250 to the home for friendless women. Three thousand dollars is given to Forest cemetery. Richard Jones and Dr. Waite are named as executors. The brewery shares are worth about \$100 each.

News to His Son. PITTSBURG, Pa., May 7.-Emmons Blaine was interviewed this morning by a Chroniele-Telegraph reporter while in this city on his way to Chicago. He said the report that his father had decided to let his name go before the Chicago convention was news to him. A few days ago he received from his father a letter dated Rome, in which he said he was in the best of health and intended to leave for Genoa shortly, and that from there

he should go to Nice by coach. Fishery Treaty a Law in Canada.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 7.—Sir William Ritchie, chief justice of the supreme court of Canada, came down to the senate yesterday afternoon endowed with the power of deputy governor general, and assented to several bills passed this session. Among them was the act to ratify the fisheries treaty, which thus becomes a statute of the dominion.

CAMDEN, Ark., Mry 7 .- Late Friday afternoon a cyclone passed over Ouachita county, doing considerable damage. It struck Josiah Herson's place, wrecked his house and destroyed his fencing. No lives were lost. Trees were twisted from their roots and hurled about like straws. The storm went from southeast to northwest, in a track about one hundred and fifty yards wide. Damage is reported at several other-